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Elected Officials Take Oath of Office

The following Elected Officials took the "Oath of Office" during a Swearing In Ceremony on December 29th:

- Cammy Darris Assessor
- Brad Carlyon County Attorney
- K.C. Clark Sheriff
- Doris Clark Recorder
- Jalyn Gerlich Superintendent of Schools
- Debby Kester Treasurer
- Lee Jack Sr. District I Supervisor
- Jesse Thompson District II Supervisor
- Jason Whiting District III Supervisor
- Steve Williams District IV Supervisor
- Dawnafe Whitesinger -District V Supervisor
- Robert J. Higgins Superior Court Judge
- Dale Nielson Superior Court Judge
- Michala Ruechel Superior Court Judge
- Suzanne Smith Constable Precinct III



Meet Your New Navajo County Representatives



Doris Clark: Pictured on the Far Right

County Recorder Doris Clark:

Doris Clark was born and raised in Indian Wells, AZ and spent most of her adult life working for Navajo County in the Recorder's Office.

"I wanted to run for Recorder because I had worked in voter outreach for 20 years and knew the department well," Clark said. "When Laurette Justman retired, I knew there was an opportunity for me here to help my community."

Clark earned her spot in office during Democratic Primary and ran unopposed in November's General Election.



Lee Jack

District I Supervisor Lee Jack Sr:

Lee Jack Sr. grew up in White Cone, AZ and saw this election as a chance to give back to his community.

"I always had an interest in running for Navajo County Supervisor," Jack Sr. said. "I have seen the great work the Board has done in my District and I wanted to be a part of helping my community."

As a young adult, Jack Sr. left White Cone to join the U.S. Army. He later attended Utah Technical College before he returned to White Cone in '97.

Jack Sr. earned his spot on the Board of Supervisors during November's General Election.



Dreaming of a White Christmas

Navajo County residents were treated to both a White Christmas and a snow covered New year as large storms swept across the region in consecutive holiday weekends.

The storms left much of the County looking as picturesque as a greeting card, and community members were able to enjoy the first major snow of the winter in a variety of ways.

From a public safety perspective, the storms moved through the area without reports of major incidents.







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Judge Evelyn Marez Receives 'Tremendous Honor'

Navajo County Precinct I Justice of the Peace Evelyn Marez has been appointed to the Judicial College of Arizona.

The Judicial College is dedicated to the education, innovation and advancement of justice throughout the State and Nation. Only three new members were chosen this year.

"It is a tremendous honor to be appointed to the Judicial College," Judge Marez said. "This organization plays such a crucial role in the education and advancement of the judicial process. I am humbled and grateful to be a part of it."

Judge Marez was appointed by Chief

Justice Scott Bales and will serve from January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2019.

Judge Marez was also reappointed as the Presiding Justice of the Peace for Navajo County earlier this year.

Public Works Pulls Off One-Of-A-Kind Wedding

Among the many holiday decorations throughout the region, the Chevelon Conference Room inside the Public Works building in Holbrook was transformed into a wedding chapel to host a truly unique event.

Public Works employees Melanie D'Angelo and Greg Sleeper met on the job, and when it came time for them to get married, there was no doubt in either's mind the wedding had to take place at the Public Works building.

The venue was approved one week before the wedding was to take place, and Department staff rallied together in their off hours to complete an incredible remodel of the Chevelon Conference Room to host this one-of-a-kind event.

At approximately 5 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 29th, Melanie and Greg Sleeper, surrounded by family, friends and coworkers, tied the knot in the same room they first met years before.



National Healthcare Coalition Preparedness Conference

Navajo County Public Health Emergency Preparedness Field Coordinator Bob Schlesinger had the opportunity to attend the National Healthcare Coalition Preparedness Conference in Washington D.C. between December 13th and 14th.

This conference showcased opportunities for the implementation of healthcare coalitions and coalition activities in our communities, and also featured classes covering the topics of Access and Functional Needs in an Emergency, Dealing with an Emerging Infectious Disease Outbreak, Mental Health Resilience and Developing a Regional Healthcare Coalition.

The National Healthcare Coalition Preparedness Conference supports local healthcare Coalitions in attempting to meet Healthcare Preparedness Program and CDC Public Health Emergency Preparedness grant programs.



In Case of Emergency:



Don't Wait, Communicate!